Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Robert B. Harmon, a native South Dakotan, has selflessly served his state and country as the Pennington County Veteran Service Officer in Rapid City, South Dakota, since 1976; and,

Whereas, Robert is retiring as the Veteran Service Officer after 30 years of honorable service, working tirelessly to promote the rights of veterans and their dependents; and,

Whereas, Robert worked to assure veterans and their dependents received the entitlements they deserved for the sacrifices they endured; and,

Whereas, Robert has been instrumental in coordinating the efforts of the county office with other agencies within the veteran network to ensure veterans received the assistance and benefits which they and their families needed and deserved; and,

Whereas, Pennington County has over 12,000 veterans, and Robert has had contact with many of them; and,

Whereas, Robert established programs which brought information to veterans and their families by conducting briefings for retiring and newly discharged vets, briefing retirees at Ellsworth Air Force Base on benefits, visiting funeral homes and care facilities to inform veterans and widows of the benefits they could expect from the United States Department of Veteran's Affairs; and,

Whereas, South Dakota was founded with hard work, perseverance, dedication to duty, and concern for one's fellow man - Robert exhibits all these qualities and more:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim August 29, 2005, as

ROBERT B. HARMON DAY

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-fifth Day of August in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Five.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State